

**JOINT BOARD****Monday, 9th November, 2015**

Present:-

**Bolsover District Council**

Councillor Mary Dooley (Chair)  
Dawn Clarke (BDC/NEDDC)  
Grant Galloway (BDC/NEDDC)  
Dan Swaine (BDC/NEDDC)

**Chesterfield Borough Council**

Councillor John Burrows  
Councillor Terry Gilby  
Huw Bowen  
Malcolm Clinton  
Barry Dawson  
Neil Johnson

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

Councillor Graham Baxter

**19 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS  
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**20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hill and Syrett.

**21 MINUTES****AGREED -**

The notes and Record of Decisions of the meeting of the Joint Board held on 5 October, 2015 be noted.

**22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC****AGREED -**

That under Regulation 21 (1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972' on the grounds that it contains information relating to individuals, and to financial or business affairs and to consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

**23 REVIEW OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT STRUCTURE**

The Chesterfield Borough Council Chief Finance Officer submitted a report requesting approval to implement a proposed revised management and staffing structure for the Internal Audit Consortium.

The Head of the Internal Audit Consortium retired in 2013 and since then the Deputy Head of the Consortium had been paid an honorarium to act up. This had been intended to be a temporary arrangement pending the outcome of the county-wide review of internal audit services. However progress on the review had been delayed and the review had to date had failed to come up with an alternative proposal which satisfied all of the partners.

The proposed changes to the staffing structure of the Internal Audit Consortium were outlined in the report of the Chief Finance Officer along with the proposed new job descriptions. It was noted that the current consortium staff had been involved in the development of the proposed staffing structure and job descriptions and that UNISON had also been

consulted regarding the restructure and that they were supportive of the proposals.

The Chief Finance Officer noted that the proposed new structure of the Internal Audit Consortium would provide a net saving and that it was proposed that some of the savings made should be set aside for training and the buying in off specialist external support.

**AGREED –**

1. That the revised management and staffing structure and the associated salary grade changes, of the Internal Audit Consortium be approved and implemented.
2. That £5,000 of the annual salary saving be transferred into the training budget and a further £5,000 into a provision for external support.

**24 BCN BUILDING CONTROL - FUTURE BUSINESS CASE**

The Development and Growth Manager (Chesterfield Borough Council) presented a briefing on the latest business case for the Building Control Transformation project which aimed, in time to provide a single, unified Building Control Service across Derbyshire.

The Development and Growth Manager also requested that the Leaders of Bolsover District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council should recommend the proposed business case and implementation programme to their respective councils for support and approval.

**AGREED -**

1. That the progress report on the Building Control transformation project be noted.
2. That the proposed programme for the future delivery of Building Control across Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield be recommended to the three Councils for support and approval.